

Changes in Pharmacy Law Effective January 1, 2005, Affecting Applicants

Graduates of Foreign Pharmacy Schools

Applicants for an intern license or for the pharmacist licensure examinations who are graduates from foreign pharmacy schools must be certified by the Foreign Pharmacy Graduate Equivalency Committee (FPGEC) – For exact language refer to B & P 4200 (a)(2)(B). To qualify for the pharmacist licensure examinations or intern license a graduate of a foreign school must complete the relevant application and submit a copy of the EE certificate.

The board will no longer require the submission of a foreign graduate application and will no longer require the submission of transcripts – For exact language refer to B & P 4200 (a)(2)(B). Instead, a graduate of a foreign school must become certified by the FPGEC. This certification will take the place of the foreign graduate evaluation.

Intern Pharmacist Requirements

The board may issue an intern pharmacist license for:

- a. up to six years to a student enrolled in a school of pharmacy recognized by the board,
- b. up to two years to a graduate of a school of pharmacy recognized by the board who has applied to that the pharmacist licensure examination,
- c. up to two years to a graduate from a foreign pharmacy school who has obtained certification from the FPGEC,
- d. one year to someone who has failed the pharmacist licensure examination four or more times and who has enrolled in a school of pharmacy to complete the sixteen units required by B & P 4200.1.

For exact language refer to B & P 4208.

A pharmacist may now supervise two interns at one time. – For exact language refer to B & P Code 4114 (b).

Graduates from foreign schools of pharmacy must submit a copy of their FPGEC certificate along with the intern pharmacist application and with the pharmacist licensure examination application. – For exact language refer to B & P 4200 (a)(2)(B).

Pharmacist Licensure Examinations Requirements

Applicants for the pharmacist licensure examinations must complete 1500 intern hours before they will be deemed eligible to take the licensure examinations. – For exact language refer to B & P 4200 (a)(5).

Applicants for the pharmacist licensure examinations must certify that they have completed intern experience in inpatient and community settings before they will

be deemed eligible to take the licensure examinations. – For the exact language refer to B & P Code 4200 (a)(2)(B) and CCR 1728 (b).

Intern hours earned in another state must be verified by the appropriate licensing authority in that state and may be submitted with the pharmacist licensure examination.

Graduates from foreign schools of pharmacy must submit a copy of their FPGE certificate along with the intern pharmacist application or pharmacist licensure examination application. – For exact language refer to B & P 4200 (a)(2)(B).